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AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action mailed October 16, 1997, please amend the above-titled application as follows:

In The Specification:

At page 3, line 23, please delete "8-11" and insert in place thereof -- 8a, 8b, 9a, 9b, 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 11a and 11b --.

At page 5, line 5 of the specification, please delete "substantially" and insert in place thereof --substantial--.

In The Claims:

Please add new claim 20 as follows:

--20. A permanent self-expanding stent for providing permanent tissue support, said stent having a generally tubular body of a predetermined fabricated diameter and being comprised, at about normal body temperatures, of a first portion comprised of a shape-memory, superelastic, austenitic alloy and a second portion comprised of a shape memory, martensitic alloy; the shape-memory, superelastic austenitic alloy portion having a transition